

## House Resolution 1623

By: Representatives Scott of the 76<sup>th</sup>, Burnough of the 77<sup>th</sup>, Bell of the 75<sup>th</sup>, Neal of the 79<sup>th</sup>, and Douglas of the 78<sup>th</sup>

## A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending Fire Chief Tim Sweat for 37 years of distinguished service  
2 to Clayton County and the State of Georgia; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Fire Chief Tim Sweat has devoted 37 years of his life to the fire service,  
4 demonstrating extraordinary courage, integrity, and commitment to public safety; and

5 WHEREAS, Chief Sweat began his career in 1989 as a volunteer with the Jonesboro Fire  
6 Department, answering the call to serve with dedication and humility; and

7 WHEREAS, in January 1999, he joined Clayton County Fire & Emergency Services, where  
8 he steadily rose through the ranks as Firefighter/EMT, Lieutenant in the Operations Division,  
9 Captain of the Logistics Division in 2008, Deputy Chief in 2010, Assistant Chief in 2011,  
10 Interim Fire Chief in March 2023, and was officially appointed Fire Chief on January 7,  
11 2025; and

12 WHEREAS, throughout his career, Chief Sweat has exemplified excellence in leadership,  
13 strategic management, and emergency response, ensuring that the citizens of Clayton County  
14 receive the highest standard of fire protection and emergency services; and

15 WHEREAS, his professional accomplishments include earning an Associate of Applied  
16 Science in Fire Science, a Bachelor of Science in Fire Administration, and graduating from  
17 the National Fire Academy's Financial Management Program; and

18 WHEREAS, he is a Georgia Certified Emergency Manager, holds NPQ Firefighter III  
19 certification, is a Haz-Mat Technician, and brings additional management experience from  
20 the private sector-further strengthening the operational readiness and fiscal responsibility of  
21 the department; and

22 WHEREAS, born and raised in Clayton County, Chief Sweat has dedicated his life to  
23 protecting the very community he calls home, embodying the highest ideals of public service;  
24 and

25 WHEREAS, beyond his professional achievements, he is a devoted husband to his wife,  
26 Beth, and a proud father of four children, serving as a model of faith, family, and community  
27 leadership; and

28 WHEREAS, Chief Sweat's legacy of service reflects courage under pressure, wisdom in  
29 leadership, and an unwavering commitment to the safety and well-being of every resident of  
30 Clayton County.

31 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that  
32 the members of this body recognize and commend Fire Chief Tim Sweat for his outstanding  
33 service, congratulate him on his appointment as Fire Chief of Clayton County Fire &  
34 Emergency Services, and express profound gratitude for his decades of dedication to  
35 protecting lives, property, and the future of Clayton County.

36 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized  
37 and directed to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to Chief  
38 Tim Sweat.